

JERU THE DAMAJA – HISTORY 101 LYRICS

[intro]

plans are made destined to change the course of history

[verse]

in 1441 two portuguese captains pick up twelve africans

brought them to cabo branco portugal the slaves

this is the beginning of the slave trade

there were so successful that just four years after

a tax collector from lagos set up trade with africa

this was in about 1444

don't go nowhere cause there's a whole lot more

in 1452 the first time sugar was planted on an isle in portugal

that's the year pope nicholas v proclaimed

that if you're not a christian, your -ss can be put in chains

for years the portuguese monopolized the slave game

there were so large they set up shop in seville, spain

now in 1476

despite papal opposition the spanish got down with this sh-t

it was a captain named called carlos de valera

he brought back 400 men from africa

1481 diogo de azambuja

builds a castle at elmina, that's modern day ghana

not only was it one of the days busiest ports

it was also one of the slavery's most notorious forts

1483 the discovery of the congo river

a goldmine if your goal was enslaving n-ggas

1492 columbus sails the ocean blue

(yeah all right, once again.....)

after months and months of sea, death and all types of drama

chris stands on san salvador, modern day bahamas

1493 on columbus' second voyage

he starts the transatlantic trade enslavin' the taino village

he brought them from hispaniola, that's the d.r. to spain

it gets even more insane

1499 vespucci and hojeda take natives from south america this time

when columbus did it there were legal issues in the past

this time he had no problems selling their native -ss

1500 it starts to get real ill

pedro cabral sets foot on brazil

1502 a guy named juan córdoba

it's the first merchant on record to send africans over

he was only allowed one by spanish authorities
but other dirty merchants sent two or three
1509
columbus' son diego colón governor of the empire at that time
said the native slaves were lazy and they worked too slow
1510 fifty black slaves are shipped to santo domingo
1513 ponce de leon
the first european to touch american soil
he landed on the coast
modern day florida as it's known to most
1516 on a ship a huge native slave rebellion
they k!lled the crew and sailed back home 1519 here comes magellan
1521 cortés slaughtered the aztecs
1522 two slaves in espanola break their masters necks
1526 the germans put slaves on ships
1532 the pizarro k!lls the incas and sh-t
1532 the english get into the mix
john hawkins brought back blacks, potatoes and tabacco from his trips
1579 the united provinces is formed
and the trading machine of the dutch is born
now i can dope on and on and on and on
but for practical reasons it'll take to long
to all my brothers claiming that they're hispanic and latino
you're african, aztecs, indian and taino
now that i showed you how this nations gained their wealth
i hope i keep your interest so check it out for yourself